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Official Diary
(Acting DD/I)

Monday, 8 December 1952

1. At morning meeting brought up possible revolution in Bolivia, quiet in Venezuela, and the lull in the Nasan battle.

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[REDACTED]
Company, who is well known to me, last night (8 Dec. 1952) telephoned me to report the following:

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a. Friends of his [REDACTED] reported to him over the week-end that certain very valuable portions of the Abadan Refinery were apparently being dismantled and being shipped "north."

b. The announcement of the State Department on Saturday, indicating a "hands off" attitude towards American companies that might deal with National Iranian Oil Company was received with great disappointment and skepticism by the industry generally. He feels that unless the Government takes a far more positive attitude of encouragement to corporations to move Iranian oil, nothing will be accomplished but that there are many outfits ready and able to act promptly the minute they are insured of a real desire on the part of the United States Government that we do so.

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3. Conferred briefly with [REDACTED] on implications on the DD/I offices of the Cox Committee's investigation of foundations. Feel that our relations with such things as [REDACTED] to present no real problem; moreover the Committee has very conscientiously shied away from anything in which the Agency expressed a desire that it do so.

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4. Conferred with [REDACTED] on the Hong Kong returnee interrogations and agreed that [REDACTED] (ORR) was an ideal choice. [REDACTED] to proceed from here in 25X1A9a conjunction with FI as to matters of cover, travel orders, etc.

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5. Lunched with [REDACTED] and broached with him the possibility of his serving on the Board of Estimates if his present NSC job was not continued. This had been informally cleared with Allen Dulles and Sherman Kent. I made no specific commitment but merely sounded him out as to interest which he expressed very diffidently, but very definitely. He also gave me a detailed description of the NSC Meeting at which General Smith and others discussed the summary evaluation recommendations. Apparently, the line of patter I prepared for the General was pretty well followed.

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6. Attended Board IAC Deputy Meeting on NIE-64, Part I Supplement. After much wrangling, got the Economics Section approved as agreed between O/RR and O/IR with only minor changes.

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7. Conferred with [REDACTED] over the problems of getting two people to Harvard Business School and his future job with O/RR.

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8. Conferred with Ting Sheldon, who reported that Governor Adams had stated that we get along for the nonce with the room assigned at the Commodore.

This seems practical if not perfect to [REDACTED] so we will go ahead on that basis. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a Also reported that [REDACTED] was much more affable and helpful and moreover that

25X1A9a [REDACTED] had said that there was nothing on his record to indicate that we should take action with respect to his security reliability.

Ting raised the problem of getting more adequate information on the friendly situation in Korea with particular reference to Navy and Air. I undertook to ask [REDACTED] for aid in this.

As to the Espey briefing, agreed since the audience would be one or a handful, it would be better conducted around a table with small props and informality stressed.

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